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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Lorraine J. Giver, et al.

Examiner: Nashaat T. Nashed

Application No.: 09/905,666

Art Unit: 1652

Filed: July 13, 2001

For: NOVEL LIPASE GENES

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003, Applicants request consideration of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time authorizing the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is enclosed. The petition thus effectively extends the period of response from January 1, 2004 to April 1, 2004.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this submission.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected to the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this submission.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this submission and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing the changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this submission.